

## II. Claim Numbering

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 16-21 were misnumbered, and renumbered these claims 28-33. In addition, the Examiner indicated that previously withdrawn claims 16-27 must be canceled.

Applicants have canceled claims 16-27 accordingly, and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claims 16-27 in a divisional application.

## III. Office Action Prior Art Rejections

At page 2 of the Office Action, claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Weltzin, U.S. Patent No. 5,534,411 (Weltzin).

At page 3 of the Office Action, claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hein et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,959,177 (Hein).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, to facilitate prosecution, claim 15 has been canceled, and the rejection of this claim is now moot. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claim 15 in a divisional application.

## IV. Allowed Claims

Applicants are pleased that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-13 and 28-33 are allowed.

## V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain

that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

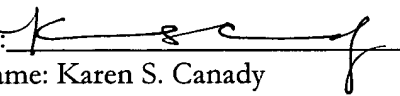
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